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SUBJ: DUFFUS COMMISSION REPORT

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1. ACCORDING TO A CBC NEWS BROADCAST, GRENADA'S GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR LEO DEGALE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT THE LONG-AWAITED DUFFUS COMMISSION REPORT ON ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER IN GRENADA BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 1973 AND MARCH 1, 1974 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOG AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH. GOVGENDEGALE SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER TO THAT EFFECT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, SIR HERBERT DUFFUS, THE HIGHLY RESPECTED FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF JAMAICA.

2. COMMENT: MANY GRENADIANS CONSIDER QUESTION OF WHETHER PM ERIC GAIRY WILL MAKE PUBLIC THE DUFFUS COMMISSION REPORT--WHICH IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO REBUKE THE GAIRY GOVERNMENT FOR SANCTIONING POLICE VIOLENCE DURING THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD--AS THE MAIN POLITICAL ISSUE IN GRENADA TODAY. FOR WEEKS, THE DUFFUS REPORT HAS BEEN RUMORED TO BE ALREADY IN THE HANDS OF PM GAIRY. APPARENTLY PM GAIRY'S CREDIBILITY IS SO REDUCED AS TO MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR GOVGEN DEGALE TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE APPEARANCE OF THE COMMISSION REPORT. DESPITE DEGALE'S ANNOUNCEMENT, GAIRY HAS ALREADY SERVED NOTICE THAT HE WILL NOT BE BOUND BY THE COM-  
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MISSION REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS. IF GAIRY MAKES THE REPORT PUBLIC, AS HE PROMISED LAST YEAR AND IMPLIED IN HIS NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE REPORTED REFTEL, WHILE FAILING TO IMPLEMENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, GRENADA COULD BE IN FOR PERIOD OF RENEWED VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE GAIRY REGIME AND ITS OPPONENTS.  
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